

# CATFISH



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## FLORIDA CATFISH

There were 22 catfish operations in Florida on January 1, 2000. Total water surface area was 390 acres, an increase of 50 acres from 1999. Most of the acreage was for foodsize fish (260 acres) and fingerlings (50 acres).

Total sales in Florida in 1999 were \$1,110,000. The majority of the sales (89 percent) from the operation were to processors.

### 13 SELECTED STATES

Catfish growers in the 13 selected States had sales of 488 million dollars during 1999, up 3 percent from the previous year. The top four States, Mississippi, Alabama, and Arkansas, and Louisiana accounted for 96 percent of the U.S. total sales. Nationwide sales of all foodsize fish increased 4 percent from 1998 to 464 million dollars. Fingerlings and fry sales totaled 18.5 million dollars, a decrease of 10 percent from 1998. Sales of stockers totaled 3.64 million dollars in 1999, down from the 7.89 million dollars sold the previous year.

By point of first sale, direct sales to processors accounted for 95 percent of the total sales of foodsize fish while 78 percent of the stocker sales were to other producers. The remainder were sold for recreational use, to live haulers, or for retail, government, or other uses.

The water surface acres being used for catfish production as of January 1, 2000, totaled 189,000 acres, up 5 percent from a year earlier. Of the total acres, 6,090 are to be renovated during the period of January 1, 2000 to June 30, 2000. An additional 3,880 acres are under construction or expected to be constructed and in use by July 1, 2000. During the period of July 1, 1999 through December 31, 1999, 3,900 acres were taken out of production. As of January 1, 2000, 152,480 acres were being used for foodfish production, 24,450 acres were being used for fingerling production, and 6,265 acres were being used for broodfish.

Catfish producers had 1.36 million broodfish on hand January 1, 2000, up 17 percent from January 1, 1999. Large foodsize fish (over 3 pounds per fish) on hand totaled 5.88 million on January 1, 2000, down 36 percent in comparable states from a year ago. The number of medium foodsize (1.50 pounds to 3 pounds per fish) increased 18 percent to 74.5 million, and small foodsize fish (0.75 pound to 1.50 pounds per fish) numbers increased 14 percent to 208 million.

The number of large stockers (over 180 pounds to 750 pounds per 1000 fish) on hand January 1, 2000, at 358 million, were up 35 percent from the previous year. Small stocker over 60 pounds to 180 pounds per 1000 fish) numbers increased 5 percent to 434 million. There were 1.10 billion fingerlings on hand January 1, 2000, up 12 percent from January 1, 1999.

CATFISH: Utilization of Water Surface Acres Jan 1-Jun 30, 2000, and Acres Taken Out of Production Jul 1-Dec 31, 1999, by State

| State             | Water surface acres |            | Utilization of acres, 2000 |                  |                    | Taken out of production in 1999 |
|-------------------|---------------------|------------|----------------------------|------------------|--------------------|---------------------------------|
|                   | Jan 1 1999          | Jan 1 2000 | Renovated                  | New construction | Used for broodfish |                                 |
| AL                | 21,300              | 22,100     | 410                        | 230              | 560                | 480                             |
| AR                | 31,000              | 35,000     | 950                        | 550              | 1,150              | 500                             |
| FL                | 340                 | 390        | *                          | *                | *                  | *                               |
| LA                | 13,700              | 13,500     | 930                        | 540              | 260                | 340                             |
| MS                | 105,000             | 110,000    | 3,100                      | 1,900            | 3,900              | 1,100                           |
| MO                | 1,600               | 1,860      | *                          | *                | 45                 | 50                              |
| Oth <sup>1/</sup> | 7,925               | 6,380      | 700                        | 660              | 350                | 290                             |
| Total             | 180,865             | 189,230    | 6,090                      | 3,880            | 6,265              | 2,760                           |

<sup>1/</sup> Includes CA, KY, NC, OK, SC, TN, and TX. <sup>\*</sup>Included in other states to avoid disclosure.

CATFISH: Number of operations and annual sales

| State             | Number of operations |                | Annual sales |         |
|-------------------|----------------------|----------------|--------------|---------|
|                   | January 1 1999       | January 1 2000 | 1998         | 1999    |
| Thousand dollars  |                      |                |              |         |
| AL                | 250                  | 255            | 61,485       | 71,124  |
| AR                | 170                  | 170            | 56,263       | 70,582  |
| FL                | 25                   | 22             | *            | 1,110   |
| LA                | 98                   | 94             | 28,554       | 32,434  |
| MS                | 400                  | 405            | 307,229      | 294,103 |
| MO                | 35                   | 40             | 1,908        | 2,854   |
| Oth <sup>1/</sup> | 301                  | 257            | 19,870       | 15,977  |
| Total             | 1,279                | 1,243          | 475,309      | 488,184 |

<sup>1/</sup> Includes CA, KY, NC, OK, SC, TN, and TX. <sup>\*</sup>Included in other states to avoid disclosure.

CATFISH: Number and live weight of broodfish, January 1

| State             | Total number of fish |       | Live weight of fish |       |
|-------------------|----------------------|-------|---------------------|-------|
|                   | 1999                 | 2000  | 1999                | 2000  |
| Thousands         |                      |       |                     |       |
| AL                | 120                  | 138   | 629                 | 774   |
| AR                | 180                  | 330   | 830                 | 1,500 |
| FL                | *                    | 2     | *                   | 11    |
| LA                | 82                   | *     | 449                 | *     |
| MS                | 650                  | 780   | 3,260               | 3,610 |
| MO                | 5                    | *     | 33                  | *     |
| Oth <sup>1/</sup> | 118                  | 107   | 532                 | 540   |
| Total             | 1,155                | 1,357 | 5,733               | 6,435 |

<sup>1/</sup> Includes CA, KY, NC, OK, SC, TN, and TX. <sup>\*</sup>Included in other states to avoid disclosure.

CATFISH: Number and live weight of all foodsizes, January 1

| State             | Total number of fish |         | Live weight of fish |         |
|-------------------|----------------------|---------|---------------------|---------|
|                   | 1999                 | 2000    | 1999                | 2000    |
| Thousands         |                      |         |                     |         |
| AL                | 38,060               | 39,120  | 49,460              | 49,890  |
| AR                | 41,700               | 66,900  | 54,100              | 86,100  |
| LA                | 19,240               | 19,710  | 28,990              | 27,950  |
| MS                | 147,170              | 154,090 | 183,780             | 181,530 |
| MO                | 1,205                | 1,870   | 1,740               | 2,565   |
| Oth <sup>1/</sup> | 7,191                | 7,096   | 11,192              | 12,274  |
| Total             | 254,566              | 288,786 | 329,262             | 360,309 |

<sup>1/</sup> Includes CA, FL, KY, NC, OK, SC, TN, and TX.

CATFISH: Number and live weight of total stockers, January 1 <sup>1/</sup>

| State             | Total number of fish |         | Live weight of fish |         |
|-------------------|----------------------|---------|---------------------|---------|
|                   | 1999                 | 2000    | 1999                | 2000    |
| Thousands         |                      |         |                     |         |
| AL                | 53,470               | 55,440  | 14,800              | 13,120  |
| AR                | 128,000              | 128,500 | 23,600              | 22,500  |
| LA                | 33,960               | 32,400  | 5,280               | 6,900   |
| MS                | 450,470              | 561,500 | 94,260              | 134,200 |
| MO                | 2,990                | 930     | 535                 | 375     |
| Oth <sup>2/</sup> | 9,792                | 13,773  | 2,082               | 2,840   |
| Total             | 678,682              | 792,543 | 140,557             | 179,935 |

<sup>1/</sup> Total stockers: Over 60 lbs to 750 lbs/ 1,000 fish. <sup>2/</sup> Includes CA, FL, KY, NC, OK, SC, TN, and TX.

| CATFISH: Number and live weight of fingerling, January 1 <sup>1/</sup> |                      |           |                          |        |
|--|----------------------|-----------|--------------------------|--------|
| State  | Total number of fish |           | Total liveweight of fish |        |
|  | 1999                 | 2000      | 1999                     | 2000   |
|  | Thousands            |           |                          |        |
| AL   | 41,220               | 54,170    | 1,770                    | 2,350  |
| AR   | 185,000              | 180,000   | 6,800                    | 6,000  |
| FL   | 1,340                | 1,200     | 22                       | 22     |
| LA   | 68,180               | 36,600    | 1,690                    | 1,030  |
| MS   | 653,720              | 805,000   | 19,940                   | 23,270 |
| MO   | 13,180               | *         | 160                      | *      |
| Oth <sup>2/</sup>  | 23,728               | 25,230    | 571                      | 688    |
| Total  | 986,368              | 1,102,200 | 30,953                   | 33,360 |

<sup>1/</sup> Fingerling: Over 2 lbs to 60 lbs/1,000 fish. <sup>2/</sup> Includes CA, GA, KS, KY, NC, OK, SC, TN, and TX. \*Included in other states to avoid disclosure.

| CATFISH: Number, weight, and value of sales; all stockers |             |        |                   |       |             |       |                         |      |
|---|-------------|--------|-------------------|-------|-------------|-------|-------------------------|------|
| State   | Number sold |        | Total pounds sold |       | Total sales |       | Average value per pound |      |
|   | 1998        | 1999   | 1998              | 1999  | 1998        | 1999  | 1998                    | 1999 |
|   | Thousands   |        | Thousand dollars  |       | Dollars     |       |                         |      |
| AR  | 7,200       | 4,000  | 2,050             | 800   | 2,255       | 928   | 1.10                    | 1.16 |
| MS  | 24,132      | 9,670  | 3,290             | 1,070 | 3,290       | 1,081 | 1.00                    | 1.01 |
| Oth <sup>1/</sup>   | 11,242      | 10,413 | 2,282             | 1,452 | 2,341       | 1,632 | 1.03                    | 1.12 |
| Total   | 42,572      | 24,083 | 7,622             | 3,322 | 7,886       | 3,641 | 1.03                    | 1.10 |

<sup>1/</sup> Includes AL, CA, FL, GA, KS, KY, LA, MO, NC, OK, TN, SC, and TX.

| CATFISH: Number, weight, and value of sales; all foodsize |             |         |                   |         |                  |         |                         |      |
|---|-------------|---------|-------------------|---------|------------------|---------|-------------------------|------|
| State   | Number sold |         | Total pounds sold |         | Total sales      |         | Average value per pound |      |
|   | 1998        | 1999    | 1998              | 1999    | 1998             | 1999    | 1998                    | 1999 |
|   | Thousands   |         |                   |         | Thousand dollars |         | Dollars                 |      |
| AL  | 46,850      | 54,800  | 88,500            | 103,000 | 60,180           | 69,010  | 0.68                    | 0.67 |
| AR  | 40,000      | 50,000  | 68,000            | 87,500  | 50,320           | 64,750  | 0.74                    | 0.74 |
| LA  | 26,880      | 27,800  | 39,490            | 44,000  | 28,038           | 31,968  | 0.71                    | 0.72 |
| MS  | 286,350     | 283,100 | 390,000           | 385,000 | 288,600          | 281,050 | 0.74                    | 0.73 |
| MO  | 1,140       | 1,270   | 1,450             | 2,630   | 1,102            | 2,130   | 0.76                    | 0.81 |
| Oth <sup>1/</sup>   | 8,531       | 7,290   | 13,925            | 12,725  | 17,145           | 15,545  | 1.25                    | 1.22 |
| Total   | 409,751     | 424,260 | 601,365           | 634,855 | 445,385          | 464,453 | 0.74                    | 0.73 |

<sup>1/</sup> Includes CA, FL, GA, KS, KY, NC, OK, SC, TN, and TX.

| CATFISH: Number, weight, and value of sales; fingerling and fry |             |         |                   |       |             |        |                         |      |
|---|-------------|---------|-------------------|-------|-------------|--------|-------------------------|------|
| State   | Number sold |         | Total pounds sold |       | Total sales |        | Average value per pound |      |
|   | 1998        | 1999    | 1998              | 1999  | 1998        | 1999   | 1998                    | 1999 |
|   | Thousands   |         | Thousand dollars  |       | Dollars     |        |                         |      |
| AL  | 16,380      | 16,200  | 547               | 695   | 1,089       | 1,501  | 1.99                    | 2.16 |
| AR  | 174,500     | 87,000  | 2,200             | 2,250 | 3,542       | 4,608  | 1.61                    | 2.05 |
| FL  | 1,110       | *       | 28                | *     | 130         | *      | 4.65                    | *    |
| LA  | 14,560      | 5,600   | 91                | 225   | 188         | 407    | 2.07                    | 1.81 |
| MS  | 682,470     | 523,300 | 8,720             | 6,150 | 14,214      | 10,922 | 1.63                    | 1.78 |
| Oth <sup>1/</sup>   | 19,174      | 15,780  | 762               | 416   | 1,388       | 1,110  | 1.82                    | 2.67 |
| Total   | 908,194     | 647,880 | 12,348            | 9,736 | 20,551      | 18,548 | 1.66                    | 1.91 |

<sup>1/</sup> Includes CA, GA, KS, KY, MO, NC, OK, SC, TN, and TX. \*Included in other states to avoid disclosure.

| CATFISH: Foodsize percent sold by outlet type, 1999 |           |                 |          |                         |                |
|---|-----------|-----------------|----------|-------------------------|----------------|
| State   | Live-haul | Fee/Rec fishing | Pro-cess | Retail rest. & Fd. Stor | Other out-lets |
| AL  | 0         | 2               | 97       | 0                       | 1              |
| AR  | 4         | 0               | 93       | 1                       | 2              |
| FL  | 0         | 0               | 89       | 0                       | 10             |
| LA  | 0         | 0               | 99       | 0                       | 1              |
| MS  | 1         | 0               | 99       | 1                       | 0              |
| MO  | 63        | 32              | 14       | *                       | 3              |
| Wt.avg. <sup>1/</sup>                               | 1.8       | 1.1             | 94.9     | 1.3                     | 0.9            |

<sup>1/</sup> Includes AL, CA, GA, KS, KY, NC, OK, SC, TN, and TX.

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| CATFISH: Stockers percent sold by outlet type, 1999 |           |                 |                 |             |               |
|---|-----------|-----------------|-----------------|-------------|---------------|
| State   | Livehauls | Fee/rec fishing | Other producers | Govern-ment | Other outlets |
| AL  | 0         | *               | *               | 0           | 0             |
| AR  | 9         | 0               | 91              | 0           | 0             |
| FL  | 0         | *               | *               | *           | *             |
| LA  | *         | *               | *               | 0           | 0             |
| MS  | 0         | 0               | 100             | 0           | 0             |
| MO  | *         | 32              | *               | *           | 0             |
| Wt. avg. <sup>1/</sup>                              | 7.5       | 11.6            | 77.8            | 1.5         | 1.6           |

<sup>1/</sup> Includes AL, CA, GA, KS, KY, NC, OK, SC, and TN. \*Included in other states to avoid disclosure.